

FARM NEWS.

POULTRY PROFITS.

It is the easiest matter in the world for a fellow with a mind for figures and stub of a pencil to figure out how he is going to make a fortune with a sawmill or a poultry yard, but how many millionaires can you count who got their start that way. Poultry is all right and a money-maker at present prices as a side-line where you have the range to furnish food and don't have to buy feed for them except possibly in the winter. For those thus situated poultry is all right, but if you go to counting up rent on high-priced land for your range your profits will not seem so large. This season eggs have ruled unusually high all season, seldom below 20c on the Cincinnati market. But if you had to buy feed with corn at a dollar and other things in proportion you can readily see that eggs would have to rule high to allow the old hen to pay for her rations. So, if you think there ought to be a fortune in the poultry business, first look around and find the people who have gotten rich at the business. When you find them it will be time enough to go into the business as a regular thing. But, as we said before, as a side-line, with poultry enough to clean up the waste grain and the crop of grasshoppers on your place, it is a good thing.

THE USE OF LIME.

For some time we have thought that certain agricultural writers and farmers' institute lecturers had written and spoken about the effects of lime from hearsay. That most soils, after long years of cultivation, even the so-called limestone soils, are deficient in lime there is no doubt. They are for the most part deficient in one, two or more of the essential elements in plant growth. The lack of lime is emphasized most in the so-called limestone soils—soils that are due to glacial action or where the limestone is several feet from the surface. In such soils it is generally found in its most soluble form—the carbonate. That lime has more indirect than direct influence is an opinion from past experiments.

To prevent denitrification there must be rapid burning up of the humus—in short, the application of large amounts of organic matter produces acidity of the soil, and either of nitrifying bacteria. A too large application of lime (caustic) multiplies the availability of the plant food in the soil beyond the capacity of the plant to use it, hence there is a waste. This is true only in very fertile soils naturally or artificially. We are of the opinion that for farmers in general raw limestone finely ground is the best form. Last May we began an experiment in the use of lime on an acid soil that we sowed to alfalfa the following June. We have learned that alfalfa will not grow in an alkaline (lime) soil as red or sweet clover. Again that horse sorrel will thrive with a larger application of caustic lime than any of the grasses or other weeds of the farm unless it be wild onion. I have heard so much about the application of lime destroying that worst of European weeds that my experiment convinced not a few theorists to the wastebasket. If you expect to eradicate horse sorrel the lime route is not going to take you through to the Delectable City.

Corn, our greatest crop, is indifferent to acidity. Strawberries and watermelons delight in an acid soil. Potatoes do not scab in one pro-

nouncedly so. With most of the legumes it is necessary that the soil be alkaline, but alfalfa requires much less than common red clover. We may be premature with only one year's experimenting, but we shall continue for ten years if our life is spared that long. In the meantime let us hear from others as to how much lime per acre is best to apply for best results in the growing of alfalfa on slightly acid soils.—National Stockman.

GOATS AS TRAIL MAKERS.

The brush eating instinct of the Angora goat is being successfully demonstrated on the Lassen National Forest in California where they are cutting trails for fire guards through the brushy areas on the slopes of the mountains.

The animals, which number 3,000, have been divided into two bands and under the care of the herders are grazed within certain well defined areas so that their work may be concentrated on the brush within those limits. The result is that they have practically killed nearly all the brush in the course either by eating it up entirely, or by barking, as in the case of the heavy manzanita bushes. At the beginning of the experiment there was some doubt as to the goats' willingness to eat the manzanita, but it has been found that where there is little else they will just as readily attack it as any other bushes.

The grazing season was so late this year on the Lassen Forest that the goats did not begin operations until about the middle of June, but since then they have made rapid progress and the result promises to be a success from every point of view. The trails will first be opened and then kept free of sprouts by the goats, saving the Government considerable labor in cutting them out by hand as has been done heretofore, while the brushy forage which otherwise would have been wasted will support 3,000 goats very comfortably.

BIG KENTUCKY CORNFIELD.

The biggest corn field in the State of Kentucky is now being laid by. It is the field outlined by the gigantic horseshoe sweep of the Ohio river from Henderson, round past Evansville, to Green river. It is the biggest because it is corn continuously for 6,000 or 7,000 acres, unbroken by fences, unrelieved by any other crop—no hay, no tobacco, oats or wheat—just corn, corn, corn and then more corn.

It is estimated that over 300,000 bushels of corn will be raised in this monster tract this year, and this is in spite of the fact that the farmers were scared out of a year's growth by the high water and for a time were not quite sure whether the high water would let them raise any corn.

But the corn was planted, and the stand, excepting along the sloughs, is a very good one. Some of it has been laid by and in some places the farmers are making the last trips up and down the long rows, loosening soil, which had become slightly baked from the beating rains.

And it means something to plow one of these rows of corn a mile long in horseshoe bend, and by the time a team has made a few round trips it is time to rest a bit.

REVOLTS AT COLD STEEL.

"Your only hope," said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., suffering from severe rectal trouble, "lies in an operation." "Then I used Dr. King's New Life Pills," she writes, "and I'm wholly cured." They prevent Appendicitis, cure Constipation. Headache 25c at A. M. Hughes'.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Atkinson, of Salyersville, were in Paintsville over Sunday en route to Wenatchee, Washington, where they will likely make their future home.

Work is progressing nicely on the new M. E. Church South, and it is confidently expected the building will be ready for dedication by the middle of October. A few changes have been made in the plans since the Democrat published a picture of the proposed building, and we will in a short time print another cut, showing the structure as it will appear when completed.—Russell Democrat.

Harrison Belcher, of Levisa Fork, Pike county, while engaged on a saw-log job, was killed by a huge log rolling over him. His death was instantaneous.

As the result of being thrown bodily from a C. & O. freight train at a point between Ashland and Russell, early Sunday morning, little Dick Pierce, of Huntington, is in a serious condition, his head having been cut wide open across the back and his body covered with cuts and bruises. The child was discovered lying half unconscious by the side of the track and removed to Russell, where he was attended by Dr. Sherman. Young Pierce left here early Sunday morning with two companions, intending to ride the early freight to Russell.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

WAITING ON RIGHT OF WAY.

Lumber Plant in Russell County Suspends Operations Temporarily.

The immense lumber plant under construction at Honaker, Russell county, W. Va., has suspended operations pending the settlement of some rights of way along the route of its railroad up Lewis creek in Buchanan county.

Everything, it is thought, will be settled within the next few days, when the work will resume and be pushed to completion. This is one of the largest lumber plants in the country, and will bring millions of dollars into the territory in which it will operate.

The company has already built a large number of houses on its thirty acres of land acquired at Honaker, besides its large mill building, 200 feet square, and nearly five miles of lumber docks. One hundred thousand dollars has already been expended on the mill site alone, while it will require millions to build the forty miles of railroad into the coal and timber belt of Buchanan county.

This company, composed of some of the best known timber men of the country, will not only market the timber from 30,000 acres acquired by it, and from which it expects to cut about 500,000,000 feet, but will construct a standard gauge railroad over which all the coal will be handled from the great coal beds of Buchanan county, now owned by companies which are preparing to develop them, just up in a territory rich in resources heretofore undeveloped and practically unknown.

Veins of coal of immense thickness are said to exist in this wild portion of Buchanan county, coal of the very best quality both for domestic and steam purposes.—Tazewell Republican.

SOLDIER BALKS DEATH PLOT.

It seemed to J. A. Stone, a civil war veteran, of Kemp, Tex., that a plot existed between a desperate lung trouble and the grave to cause his death. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough that stuck to me, in spite of all remedies, for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which restored my health completely. I now weigh 178 pounds." For severe Colds, obstinate Coughs, Hemorrhages, Asthma, and to prevent Pneumonia it's unrivaled. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. M. Hughes.

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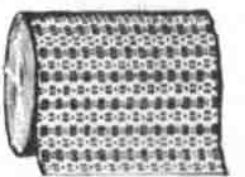
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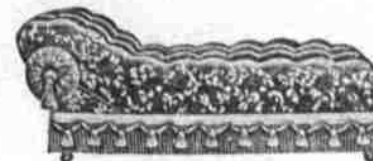
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